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**Catholic
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DIocese of CLEVELAND

**2024
APPEAL**



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Catholic Charities continues to be the best means we have to do what Jesus desires of us: to take care of those in need. As a leader in the mission of Catholic Charities, you can share God's love for the world.

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal relies on leadership donations as the principal support for critical social services offered throughout all eight counties of the Diocese — Cuyahoga, Summit, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Medina, Wayne, and Ashland. Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Cleveland is one of the largest diocesan social services in the world, serving people of every race and religion, providing help and creating hope for nearly 400,000 people each year.

Every gift and every prayer you offer makes a difference.



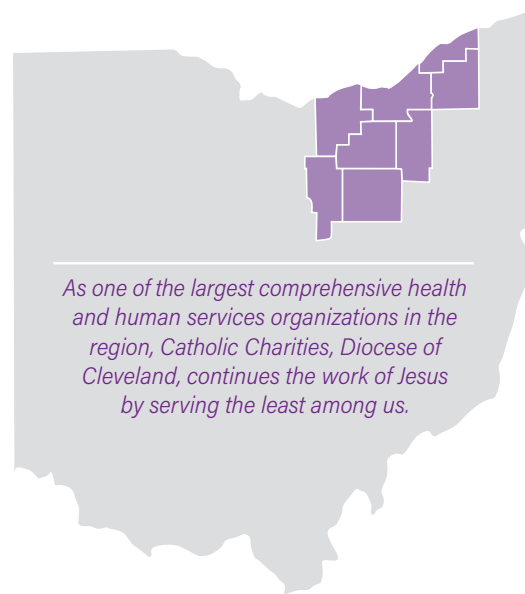
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As one of the largest comprehensive health and human services organizations in the region, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland, continues the work of Jesus by serving the least among us.



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Please Give Generously!

We invite you to let the light of Christ shine through your generous gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal as we recognize you in one of our Leadership Societies.

Your commitment of \$1,000 or more will connect your gift to that of other dynamic leaders, representing an investment in lives and communities. In doing so, you will be gratefully recognized and celebrated with membership in one of our Leadership Giving Societies.

We invite you to review our Honor Roll of Donors at www.CatholicCommunity.org/GivingSocieties.

CARITAS SOCIETY — Annual gift of \$50,000 and above

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HOBAN SOCIETY — Annual gift of \$2,500 – \$4,999

PACERS SOCIETY — Annual gift of \$1,000 – \$2,499



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ST. AUGUSTINE HEALTH CAMPUS

Child Enrichment Center

As a working mom, Tiffany understands the importance of early childhood. 18 years ago, she was an aide at St. Augustine Towers assisted living community and enrolled her 9-month-old daughter in the St. Augustine Child Enrichment Center. She was impressed by their focus

on early learning along with social interactions with the elderly. That experience eventually inspired her daughter to study nursing.

Those same teachers provided loving, transformative care for her premature son on a heart monitor and later struggling with ADHD.

He is 15 now and thriving. Tiffany is thrilled to have her four-year-old daughter currently enrolled in this nurturing center where children grow and develop. "St. Augustine is truly the best. They've been like family to me!"

"St. Augustine teachers are amazing. And the elderly residents love seeing the kids. My daughter used to be afraid of older people but got comfortable there and later decided she wanted to help people, too"

– TIFFANY



GRAFTON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE

Community Garden

Gardens are for growing, especially in our partnership with Grafton Correctional Institute. Incarcerated men are growing produce for Catholic Charities shelters and food pantries – with hearts and minds transformed.

In the garden, David finds peace and a sense of purpose. "I have the potential to do good things and so do other men here. It's about giving back to the community." Antoine is cultivating leadership skills. "Great leaders learn to follow and to serve. We do both in the garden. And a hard day's work prepares you to go back to society."

Harvest time is the highlight, yielding 1,300 pounds of vegetables in 2020 and 14,500 pounds in 2023.

Supervising fellow inmates, Richard sees men growing in compassion and empathy. "Every man in here has the desire to give back. Our work in the garden feeds thousands of people. I'm serving a long prison term but filled with gratitude. You can't begin to imagine the possibilities for transformation."

"When I'm in this garden it gives me a sense of peace. My vision for the day is to serve others. It's made me selfless, not selfish"

– ANTOINE



MIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES

"Welcome the Stranger"

When Russia invaded Ukraine, Andrew and his family faced the trauma of war. "You see your neighbors murdered for nothing. The horror of war and uncertainty are mentally devastating."

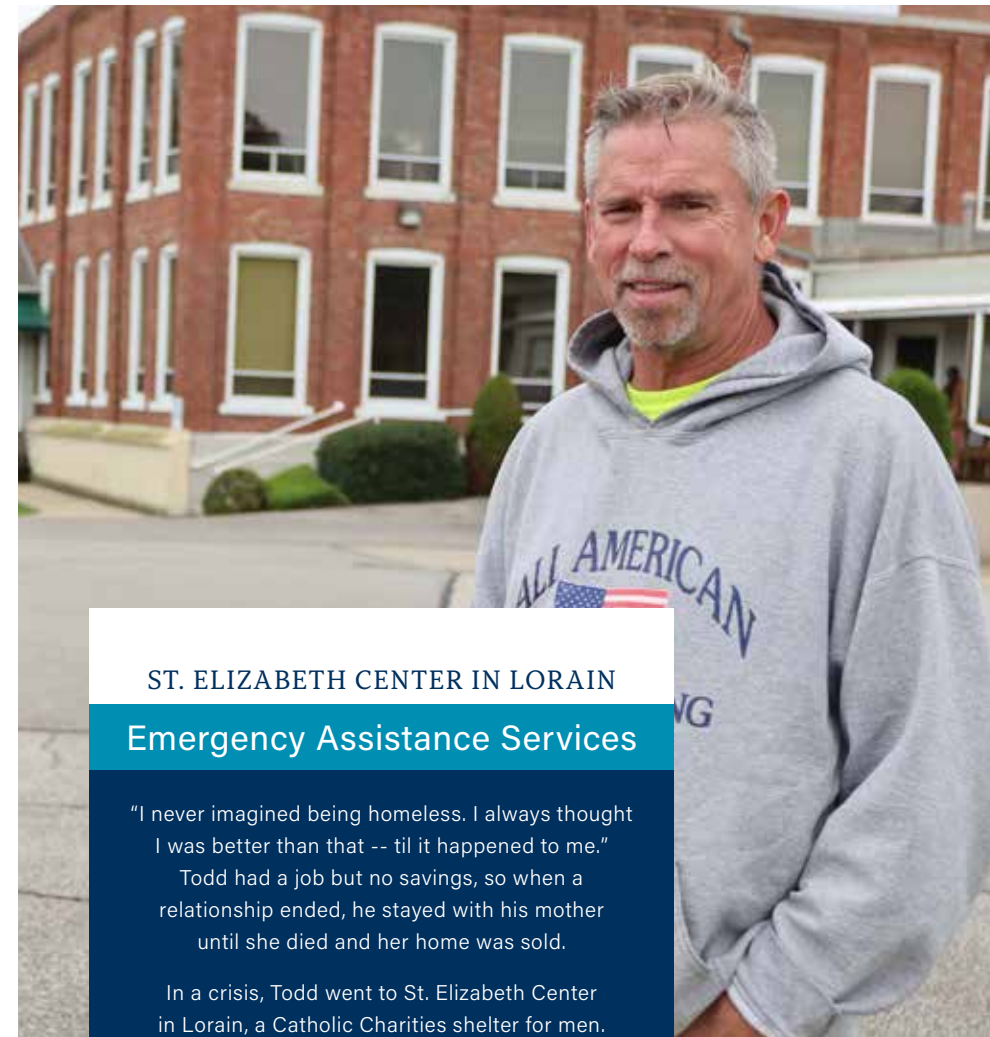
A professional photographer, he sought help from Carol Malick of St. Hilary's in Fairlawn who employed him online as a photo editor.

She received step-by-step help with the complicated application process via "Welcome Circles," a Catholic Charities initiative to support parish groups sponsoring displaced Ukrainians coming to the U.S.

Andrew, his wife and 13-year-old son are grateful to God for behind-the-scenes work done by Welcome Circles. "And with help from many others, we have an apartment, and our son is in school. We feel safe and supported. But the war shows no sign of ending. Right now, Ukrainians need help."

"Welcome Circles are very good and kind people. Their support helped me and my family. We are grateful to everyone!"

– ANDREW



ST. ELIZABETH CENTER IN LORAIN

Emergency Assistance Services

"I never imagined being homeless. I always thought I was better than that -- til it happened to me."

Todd had a job but no savings, so when a relationship ended, he stayed with his mother until she died and her home was sold.

In a crisis, Todd went to St. Elizabeth Center in Lorain, a Catholic Charities shelter for men.

"They treat you with respect. You can shower, wash clothes and get good meals. It's not a place to stay for long, but I was grateful for a roof over my head."

Todd credits his Catholic Charities case worker for helping him get into permanent housing. "My self-esteem is so much better now. So many people live paycheck to paycheck, and being homeless can happen to anybody."

St. Elizabeth Center serves as a place in central Lorain for persons who are homeless, hungry or otherwise vulnerable. Services include daily hot meals, a food pantry and fresh produce, men's overnight shelter and emergency assistance.



Dear Friends,

In the New Year I want to call you to be a disciple of Christ. To become one, all you have to do is love one another. Love transforms. Love allows those hurt, those suffering, those struggling, to find comfort, to find healing, to find a new path. Today I ask you to be a disciple of Christ and show you are willing to love everyone as Jesus did.

Thank you for being a leader in our Diocese and our region of Ohio. Please keep this beautiful 2024 Catholic Charities calendar on hand. Every time you look at it, I want you to know how much your philanthropy impacts those around you.

I hope you can continue making a difference in the lives of so many who are looking for God's love. By sharing your faith and extraordinary generosity, you bring that love to them. Thank you for considering my call to you. May God bless you and those you love.

I remain,
Your brother in Christ,

+ Edward C. Malesic

Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic
Bishop of Cleveland